

## **Program**

*The Regional Day School is a day program supported through tuition payments from local districts. An extended school year program is offered for six weeks in the summer.*

- *The environment fosters positive feelings toward self and others through directed and non-directed activities.*
- *The classroom organization and pupil assignment are based upon individual needs.*
- *The creative and effective use of a variety of instructional methods, equipment and resources enhances the school experience for our students.*

## **Population**

*Pupils from one or all of the Special Education designations are included.*

*Students range in age from 5 to 21. Class profiles encompass instruction for students who are multiply handicapped, emotionally disturbed and autistic.*

## **Principal's Message**

*The contents of this brochure describes the comprehensive programs and services made available at the Regional Day School at Jackson. It cannot, however, capture the dedicated and joyful spirit of a staff in the continual pursuit of excellence. On a daily basis, teachers and support staff provide our students with the academic, social and vocational experiences they will require in order to reach their full potential. To understand this process you must visit us. I urge you to do so. A picture is worth 1,000 words.*

*Ralph Lotierzo  
Principal*

# **Regional Day School at Jackson**

**A Division of the  
Manchester Township  
Board of Education**

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## History

*In 1973, the voters of the State of New Jersey approved the Facilities for the Handicapped Bond Issue which authorized the enactment of Chapter 149, Laws of 1973. This law mandated the construction of regional facilities which would provide appropriate programs and services to low-incidence, handicapped children.*

*The eleven Regional Day Schools, like other programs for handicapped students, are thoroughly monitored by the Department of Education to assure that their programs and services are provided in a manner consistent with federal and state laws, as well as with department guidelines and policies.*

*The New Jersey Regional Day Schools provide the least restrictive environment for those pupils whose handicaps are low-incidence or of a severity that prevents programming in any other setting.*

*The Regional Day School at Jackson began servicing students in September, 1982. On July 1, 1984, the Manchester Township Board of Education assumed responsibility for the operation of the school.*

## Staff

*The staff includes administrative, business and service personnel in addition to those listed below:*

- *Adaptive Physical Education Instructor*
- *Art Education Instructor*
- *Art Therapist*
- *Classroom Teachers*
- *Classroom (Aides) Assistants*
- *Industrial Arts Instructor*
- *L.D.T.C.*
- *Music Specialist*
- *Nurse*
- *Occupational Therapists*
- *Physical Therapists*
- *School Psychologist*
- *Social Worker*
- *Speech Therapists*
- *Vocational Education Instructor*
- *Job Coach*

## Mission Statement

*Manchester Township School District's mission is to forge a strong partnership between the school and the community. Through this partnership it will seek to provide high-quality, student-centered education that addresses the needs of the whole person within a healthy environment. Its staff will consist of caring, competent professionals empowered to provide a stimulating, relevant and rewarding academic program to their students.*

## Beliefs

- *Motivation and pride are important factors in the search for excellence.*
- *High expectations improve performance.*
- *Students must be active participants in learning.*
- *Learning should be exciting, purposeful and fun.*
- *Each student should reach his/her individual potential.*
- *Children learn best in a secure environment.*
- *Education involves the whole community.*
- *Integrity, service, and excellence are core beliefs.*
- *Respect for different opinions shall be fostered.*